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1. Soviet Naval Captain Fedor D. Kaznatcheev, operations officer of the Black Sea Fleet, arrived at Tirana from Sofia by plane on 16 December 1948. He was accompanied by Lieutenants I. V. Suchonin and G. A. Bashnakov, of the same section of the Black Sea Fleet.
2. These officers are members of a new Soviet Naval Mission, which is to be concerned with the organization of the Albanian Navy.
3. After four days in Tirana, these officers left for Vlone, in the company of Albanian Naval Captain Ormanov. They had been officially invited by Rear Admiral Mulek.
4. It is known that Albania has very minor naval forces at present. The Soviet Naval Mission will have the following tasks:
 - a. Reorganization and modern equipping of Albanian ports.
 - b. Study of plans for mining the Albanian coast.
 - c. Training of officer and warrant officer cadres, particularly mechanics and gunners.
 - d. Preparation of Albanian "commandoes".
 - e. Fortification of the Albanian coast between Durres and Shengjijn.
5. The Soviet Naval Mission will be stationed at Durres.

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